

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In Re:

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,

Debtor.

Case No.: 20-10322-CLB

Chapter: 11

NOTICE OF FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the Order entered July 9, 2020 [Docket No. 442] *Nunc Pro Tunc* to February 28, 2020, Connors LLP has filed the Monthly Fee Statement of Connors LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses as Special Counsel to The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., for the Period July 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

DATED: Buffalo, New York
September 17, 2024

s/ Randall D. White
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MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF CONNORS LLP
FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO
THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO, N.Y.
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JULY 31, 2024

Name of Applicant:	Connors LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Debtor-in-Possession
Date of Retention:	Order entered July 9, 2020 [Docket No. 442] <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> to February 28, 2020
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	July 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	80% of \$4,300.00 (\$3,440.00)
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$162.86

This is a: X monthly ___ quarterly ___ final application.

This is the _____ monthly fee statement of Connors LLP in this case.

CONNORS LLP
1000 Liberty Building
Buffalo, NY 14202
TAX ID NO. 16-1282035

August 30, 2024

DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
795 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

Invoice# 41952 RDW
Our file# 002700 00006
Billing through 07/31/2024

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

07/03/2024	TMC	(Misc) Responding to inquiries from certain interested parishioners regarding some of the mergers and the effect of the bankruptcy.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
07/05/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Review materials sent by Victim's Assistant Coordinator regarding anonymous allegations (.2); prepare documents with instructions as to how to handle matter in accordance with policies (.3).	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
07/06/2024	TMC	(Independent Review Board) Receipt of input from several individuals regarding some of the actions taken by the Review Board and explaining the process to these individuals as well as the outcome of the review.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
07/08/2024	LFQ	(Misc) Review and respond to request from Chancery representative regarding press release.	0.20 hrs.	250 /hr	50.00
07/12/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Teleconference with Independent Review Board Chair, a portion of which included participation by a representative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's Secretariat of Child Youth Protection, regarding a potential future visit to our	1.50 hrs.	250 /hr	375.00

Diocese.

07/12/2024	RMV	(Audit) Finalize annual audit (1.0); draft memos for future audits (1.0).	2.00 hrs.	100 /hr	200.00
07/16/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with Independent Review Board Chair and Chancery representative regarding inviting USCCB representative to Independent Review Board meeting.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
07/19/2024	LFQ	(Misc) Communications with attorney for claimant to obtain permission to use Proof of Claim in canon law proceedings (.4); communications with diocesan canon lawyer regarding same (.2).	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00
07/23/2024	LFQ	(Misc) Respond to District Attorney's Office request for information.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
07/24/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with Independent Review Board Chair and Chancery representative regarding next Independent Review Board meeting.	0.20 hrs.	250 /hr	50.00
07/29/2024	LFQ	(Misc) Review new inquiry from District Attorney's Office (.4); review files to respond to same (.8); communications with Chancery representatives regarding same (.3); communications with attorney for claimant (.6); communication with Chancery representative regarding recent report of abuse occurring decades ago (.2).	2.30 hrs.	250 /hr	575.00
07/30/2024	LFQ	(Misc) Communications with District Attorney's Office regarding reports of adult abuse (.2); communication with Chancery representatives regarding same (.2);	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00

communications with Safe
Environment Program Director
regarding audit (.2).

07/31/2024	LFQ	(Misc) Prepare memorandum for Chancery representative regarding responding to media inquiry (.7); communications with Chancery representative regarding same (.3).	1.00 hrs.	250 /hr	250.00
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Total fees for this matter

\$2,350.00

BILLING SUMMARY

Connors, Terrence M.	Partner	0.80 hrs	250 /hr	200.00
Quinlan, Lawlor F. III	Partner	7.80 hrs	250 /hr	1,950.00
Valkwitch, Rachel M.	Legal	2.00 hrs	100 /hr	200.00
	Assistant			

TOTAL FEES	<u>10.60 hrs</u>	<u>\$2,350.00</u>
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TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL		\$2,350.00
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August 30, 2024

DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
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Buffalo, NY 14203

Invoice# 41953 RDW
Our file# 002700 00046
Billing through 07/31/2024

CHILD VICTIMS ACT

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

07/05/2024	RDW	Emails regarding representation in CVA actions and substitution of counsel.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
07/05/2024	TMC	Confer with our team regarding the significance of the recent case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court dealing with bankruptcy and other issues that may be relevant to the CVA litigation.	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00
07/08/2024	RDW	Emails with co-defense counsel regarding further handling of claims against parishes in state court actions (.8); emails regarding response to insurers' discovery requests (.2).	1.00 hrs.	250 /hr	250.00
07/11/2024	RDW	Telephone conference with other NYS diocesan counsel regarding developments in other CVA litigation (.4); emails with co-defense counsel regarding production of documents in response to insurers demands (.4).	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00
07/12/2024	RDW	Emails regarding production of documents in response to insurer's demands.	0.20 hrs.	250 /hr	50.00
07/15/2024	RDW	Receipt and review of inquiry from counsel for affiliated stay entity regarding status and future proceedings (.4); emails regarding representation of parishes in state court CVA	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00

actions (.2).

07/16/2024	RDW	Review of file regarding response to inquiry from counsel for affiliated stay parties (.4); telephone conference with CVA co-defense counsel regarding above and substitution of counsel as to parishes (.4).	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00
07/17/2024	RDW	Preparation of consent to change attorney forms for parishes in state court CVA actions.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
07/22/2024	RDW	Respond to inquiry from counsel for affiliated stay entity (.3); emails regarding representation of parishes in CVA action (.3).	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00
07/23/2024	RDW	Preparation of substitutions of counsel by parishes in state court actions (.2); preparation of response to inquiry from counsel for affiliated stay party regarding status and further handling of CVA action (.8).	1.00 hrs.	250 /hr	250.00
07/24/2024	RDW	Emails with counsel for affiliated stay party regarding further handling of state court CVA action.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
07/25/2024	RDW	Telephone conference with counsel for affiliated stay party to discuss his inquiry about status and further handling of state court CVA action.	1.00 hrs.	250 /hr	250.00

Total fees for this matter

\$1,950.00DISBURSEMENTS

07/15/2024 JUNE - MONTHLY DATA STORAGE AND HOSTING

162.86

Total disbursements for this matter

\$162.86**BILLING SUMMARY**

Connors, Terrence M.	Partner	0.60 hrs	250 /hr	150.00
White, Randall D.	Partner	7.20 hrs	250 /hr	1,800.00
TOTAL FEES		<u>7.80 hrs</u>		<u>\$1,950.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				\$162.86
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL				\$2,112.86